

v Subject: * KOVALEV, Vasili of Kiev, uil. Kultury 17 A, apt. 8

Source : R. *Kupchynsky*
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1. Subject is Ukrainian, lecturer of English at Kiev University, member of the CPSU, married to a Ukrainian, speaks quite good English, poor Ukrainian, uses mostly Russian. He told Source that he had been to England, Paris, Geneva, and in 1950 was doing interpreting for a group of visiting Americans in the Donbass and Zaporosha areas. At the Dormitory of Cornell Uni he was staying in Room # 158. Seemed to be one of the "administrators" watching and commanding the others. He was also the one who would take care of a female patient suffering from light heart attack whom he visited in hospital in Ithaca, N.Y.

Physical description: aged 45-50, 5'10, black hair, gray on sides cut square at back, dark complexion, 2 or 3 moles on left side of face, 3 golden teeth, wore American clothes.

2. During visit Subject talked on 7 Aug 1964, in the morning and in the evening. First time in the lobby of Hotel Ambassador with Source and together with Athelica GRABAEVA. Both - Subject and GRABAEVA took Sourde acid and were talking about the Soviet Ukraine, how beautiful and rich it was etc. Most talking did GRABAEVA. In the evening same day Source had a longer talk with Subject. Subject constantly told Source that he was not trying to offend him or convincing that Soviet system was better. This he repeated, for example, when he was explaining the factory with which he worked and which he had to work in the U.S. and now in Kiev. He said that he worked in a plant which made like D-2, millimeters. He said then that he never heard about Soviet life or how it was for their scientific communication. Source never asked anything about his past life, but they had a talk about basketball called "Kiev".

Source and his friend talked in morning of a Ukrainian and a Russian football students. Later on, they were also joined by Kotsmanboev, Nihmet. 21 Aug 64

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After other things Subject asked Source whether he not often Soviet citizens and whether it was his job to tell to them. Source replied that ~~that~~ all communists and all subjects did not want to be friends ~~SECRET~~ right with you do, too. When KURMANBAEV joined the group Subject took him aside and started whispering something to him. Then they returned and suddenly Subject said to KURMANBAEV that he was supposed to be here at 7 o'clock, so where he was. KURMANBAEV seemed not to understand what Subject wanted from him, protested a little and then on order of Subject left.

3. Topics discussed with Subject (except b);

a/ Subject denied that there was any Russification in the Ukraine and even tried to prove that the Ukr SSR had its army; "There is a general staff in Kiev, don't you believe me?". Everyone in the Ukraine speaks Ukrainian, only in technical institutes Russian is used. At Kiev University they lecture in Ukrainian. Even in Donbass there is no Russification.

b/ Subject claimed not to know about the murder of Bandera and Hobot. When told about reported that if he himself would be a killer he had also gladly killed Bandera. The nationalists committed many crimes and atrocities. They killed small children, shot old people, tortured young girls. The KGB deals only with state security and had to fight the nationalists.

c/ Ukraine is part of Russia and will remain so. Since Khmelnitsky there was no trouble between Ukrainians and Russians and both peoples lived in peace.

d/ Shevchenko Tributes. According to Subject Ukrainian emigrants made Shevchenko a nationalist hero which he was not. In their ceremonies emigrants distorted the views and image of Shevchenko completely. Subject claimed to have seen the monument in Washington, D.C. and described the inscription under it as "very poorly put and not at all appropriate".

Ceremonies in Kiev and throughout the Ukraine were the true ceremonies connected with the great past

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o/ Source exchanged addresses with Subject and asked him whether he could send him some local Kiev newspapers. Subject replied that he would like to, but it is very hard for him to get hold of them himself. Source said that he did not want them all the time, just one every once in a while. Subject still claimed that it would difficult for him to get hold of them. Anyway, he added, why does Source want them, they are commonplace and it is better to read the government papers like "Radianska Ukraine" and others. Source replied that notwithstanding he would like to see "Vecherniy Kiev" but if he doesn't want to send it to him or if the system is so afraid of letting its newspapers out, he doesn't have to. This goff Subject mad and he promised to send Source "Vederniy Kiev".

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